

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, delete Paragraph [0032], and replace this paragraph with the following paragraph which has been marked up to show changes:

[0032] ~~FIGURE 1 shows~~ FIGURES 1 through 6 show a merchandising system 10 (e.g., tray system, shelf system, display system, case, divider system, storage system, modular system, etc.) according to an exemplary embodiment. Merchandising system 10 may comprise a base 22, a member 60, a biasing mechanism 52, a front wall 46, at least one side member 48 and one or more fasteners 50.

Page 7, delete Paragraph [0036], and replace this paragraph with the following paragraph which has been marked up to show changes:

[0036] The base 22 may also be provided with at least one track 38 (e.g. guide, notch, groove, recess, slot, etc.). The track 38 may extend substantially along the length of the base 22. As shown in the FIGURES, base 22 may include a support 55 (e.g., bar, clip, fastener, etc.) that adheres to the bottom of the base on both sides of the track 38. According to a preferred embodiment, support 55 is permanently coupled to base 22 to provide support to track ~~taek~~ 38. For example, as shown in FIGURE 12, support 55 may include tabs 56 which “clip” into apertures 57 located on base 22 and an adhesive bond may be applied to keep support 55 “locked” in place. Support 55 helps prevent track 38 from being spread apart too far while member 60 moves along the base 22. According to alternative embodiments, support 55 may be removably coupled to base 22.

Pages 8 and 9, delete Paragraph [0038], and replace this paragraph with the following paragraph which has been marked up to show changes:

[0038] According to alternative embodiments, the configuration of the base may be altered to better accommodate the shape of the articles (e.g., the base may have a circular, triangular or polygonal cross-section, the base may have a non-uniform configuration throughout, etc.). As shown in FIGURES 12 and 13, the side members 48 may comprise multiple members positioned in multiple orientations or positions. The side member 48 may

have a first member 42 provided in a substantially vertical orientation. The first member 42 may extend substantially the length of the base 22. The first member 42 may function as a side wall and define the sides of the space in which articles are merchandised or stored. The side member 48 is not limited to the first member 42 positioned along the side edges of the base 22 and may include members that function similarly to both the base 22 and the front wall 46, as shown in FIGURES 19 and 20, of the merchandising system 10. The side member 48 may be configured so that a second member 44 of the side member 48 may be provided in a substantially horizontal direction, on substantially the same plane as the surface of the base 22, and configured to support articles. The second member 44 may be configured to function similarly to the base 22. The side member 48 may also be configured so that a third member 45 of the side member 48 may be provided in a substantially vertical orientation and perpendicular to the first member 42 of the side member 48. The third member 45 may be configured to function similarly to the front wall 46 of the merchandising system 10 and may prevent the articles from falling off the front edge of the base 22. In an alternative embodiment, the front wall may be eliminated with the third member 45 sufficiently retaining the articles as force is applied by the member 60.